

**PNA-IN PROUDLY PRESENTS KAYLEE ANN THOMPSON,  
RECIPIENT OF ITS'  
2019 BSN SCHOLARSHIP/EDUCATION GRANT**

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Before beginning her nursing program, Kaylee was invited by the Gaviola family to participate in the free PNA-IN health screenings at the International Festival in November 2016. About an hour into the day, she felt a strong passion for promoting health in the community. Many of the patients she assisted in screening that day were eager to learn more about how to better their health but they said that no one had really ever taught them about it before. Through these conversations, she developed a strong desire to educate and advocate for the health of those in her community.

Thus, after beginning her nursing program in the fall of 2017, Kaylee began volunteering every Saturday at the Indiana University Student Outreach Clinic (IUSOC). She was able to use the skills she had obtained through her time working with PNA-IN to develop and establish screening tools that are used for every patient that is seen at the IUSOC.

Kaylee currently serves as the Nursing Chair and Nursing Clinic Manager for the Indiana University Student Outreach Clinic (IUSOC). She serves as the representative for nursing at interdisciplinary meetings,

attends quality improvement and policy meetings, as well as assist in the operation of clinic flow each Saturday during the clinic day. She has contributed over 400 volunteer hours for this organization since becoming involved in January 2018.

She hopes to continue her passion as a public health nurse after graduation from Indiana University (IU) School of Nursing in May 2020. She plans to eventually pursue her Doctorate in Nursing Practice or PhD in Nursing after working in the community for a few years. With these experiences, she hopes to contribute more public health advocacy to PNA-IN. Kaylee would love to assist in the planning and coordination of screening fairs in the future and assist in providing education and materials to participants. She is so thankful for having had time to volunteer with PNA-IN and hopes to continue participating in the future. Kaylee has worked as a Patient Care Assistant at IU University Hospital since the spring of 2018.

Kaylee has demonstrated scholastic excellence in her program as demonstrated by her inclusion in the Dean's List each semester since she began her nursing degree in the fall of 2016. Kaylee was also a recipient of the Jacqueline Beretta Dwyer Award and in the Spring of 2019 for her involvement as Nursing Chair and Nursing Clinic Manager for the IUSOC. Kaylee has been involved in numerous presentations at local and national conferences where she shares her research done on nursing involvement at the IUSOC.

